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SUBJECT: ARMY CHAPLAIN'S EFFORTS TO BRING ABOUT MRS. PERON'S
RESIGNATION FAIL

1. THREE MILITARY COMMANDERS AND THEIR STAFFS MET YESTERDAY
TO DISCUSS THE GENERAL SITUATION. WORD FILTERING THROUGH TO
POLITICAL CIRCLES IS THAT THREE CINCS DISCUSSED THE KNOTTY
PROBLEM OF GETTING RID OF A STUBBORN MRS. PERON.

2. REPORTS THIS MORNING INDICATE THAT THE ARMY VICAR
GENERAL, MONSIGNOR ADOLFO TORTOLO (WHO PLAYED ROLE IN
NEGOTIATING BETWEEN CAPELLINI AND AGOSTI DURING THE AIR FORCE
REVOLT) IS NOW PLAYING AN INTERMEDIARY ROLE BETWEEN VIDELA
AND MRS. PERON. ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCES IN THE UCR,
HOWEVER, TORTOLO WAS HAVING LITTLE SUCCESS. YESTERDAY HE
REPORTEDLY TRANSMITTED TO MRS. PERON THE INSISTENCE OF THE
THREE CINCS THAT SHE GIVE UP POWER (ALEJARSE DEL PODER). SHE
IN TURN INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE CABINET, GET RID OF
PRIVATE SECRETARY JULIO GONZALEZ AND LABOR BOSS LORENZO MIGUEL
BUT RPT BUT SHE INSISTED THAT SHE HERSELF MUST REMAIN CHIEF
EXECUTIVE WITHOUT ANY QUALIFYING CONDITIONS. THREE CINCS IN
TURN REPLIED THROUGH TORTOLO THAT HER OWN REMOVAL FROM POWER
WAS THE ONE NON-NEGOTIABLE ITEM. FOR THE MOMENT, THEREFORE,
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TORTOLO'S EFFORTS ARE AT AN IMPASSE.

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